[*Vide* REPLY TO CLAUSE (*f*).]

Committee Members.—

1. The Rajah of Bobbili (from 8th July 1950).
2. *Rao Bahadur Justice* P. Medapa, B.A., B.L. (from 21st September 1945).
3. Brigadier M. S. Dhillon (from 18th February 1953).
4. Sri K. N. Guruswamy (from 16th May 1950).
5. Sri S. M. Ramakrishna Rao (from 17th May 1953).
6. Sri Raoof Sait (from 17th May 1953).
7. *Rukn-ul-Mulk* S. Abdul Wajid, B.A. (from 27th October 1943).
8. *Dharmaprakasa* L. S. Venkaji Rao (from 10th May 1952).
9. *Rao Bahadur* Capt. A. Thangavelu Mudaliar (from 17th May 1953).

Mysore Race Club (Board of Management). (Information regarding periods is awaited from the Race Club).—

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5. Sri A. C. Somana.
6. Air Commodore R. H. D. Singh.

The Board of Management of the South India Turf Club, Ltd.—

1. Rajah of Bobbili (Chairman).
2. Sri Justice P. Medapa, B.A., B.L.
3. Sri K. N. Guruswamy.
4. The Raja of Ramnad.
5. Sri S. A. Annamalai Chettiar.
6. Sri G. Narasimhan.
7. Sir P. T. Rajan.
8. Nawab Kushru Jung Bahadur.

Headquarters :—Madras.

Q.—213. Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR (T.-Narsipur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the totalizator working at the Bangalore Race Club is run by the Race Club or by any other Agency ;

(*b*) if by any outside Agency what is the commission paid or agreed upon ;

(*c*) how much this commission would amount to during this season (1953) ;

(*d*) who was running the totalizator during the past two years ;

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) The Bangalore Race Club.

(*b*) and (*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*a*).

(*d*) The Bangalore Race Club.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—What is the nature of control that the Government exercises on this Club, Sir ?

*Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—The Deputy Commissioner is the prescribed officer to whom the Stewards of the Race Club and the licensed book-makers have to render their accounts within a week and on race days this officer is empowered to inspect the accounts. Government also obtain a statement of betting taxes. There is, however, no separate audit agency employed by the Government for this purpose. But the accounts are audited in accordance with the rules of the Club.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Sir, are there any Government nominees on the committee of management of the Bangalore Race Club ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes. There are.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—How many of them and who are they ?

*Asterisk indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the Member concerned.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— I invite the Hon'ble Member's attention to the Rules of the Bangalore Race Club, particularly, to clause 41, where it is provided that two stewards are to be nominated, out of which one is by the Government of Mysore. Then, with regard to the committee, under Rule 46, the Government of Mysore have two nominees in the constitution of the committees.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Only two nominees ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— Only two nominees in the constitution of the committee, and one in the constitution of the stewards.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Who are they, Sir ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— You want to know the names of the Government nominees ?

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Yes, Sir.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— I want notice for that because I am not very definite about the information I have got here. Therefore, I want notice for that. But so far as stewards are concerned, I think that Brigadier Dhillon is the Government nominee now. On the committee Sri L. S. Venkaji Rao is one of the Government nominees, and I am not definite about the other nominee.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Is there any term of office fixed for these nominees, Sir ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— All that has been prescribed in the rules of the Club.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— What is the term of office, Sir ? I am not referring to the rules of the Club. What is the term of office of these nominees ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— So far as I see, no term, subject to correction, has been prescribed in the rules.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Do these nominees report on the affairs of the Race Club to Government now and then ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— So far, they have not.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Then, is it not a fact that the Bangalore Race Club has lost Rs. 80,000 during this Race Season ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— Final accounts are yet to come.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— When the accounts come and if there is loss, will the Government investigate into the matter ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— I will find out what is exactly the scope or power under the rules and where Government can interfere. Within the limits of the rules and the law on the subject, Government will look into the matter.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Do any members of the committee own race horses ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— Notice please.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Are the members of the committee permitted to bet, Sir ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— They are not.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Are the stewards permitted to bet, Sir ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— No.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Has it come to the notice of the Government that stewards are betting in the Race Club ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— So far, it has not come to the notice of the Government. A steward is expected to be a man of integrity, character and fair-play. So far nothing has come to the notice of the Government. If there is any such complaint, and if the rules permit, I shall certainly go into it.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Has it come to the notice of Government that the Bangalore Race Club has recently raised a loan ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— Notice please.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— If they have raised a loan, what do

the Government propose to do in that connection ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— In fact, the Race Club seems to be of the view that the Government have no right to interfere with the internal management of the Club. That is again a question where I want to get legal opinion to find out how far and to what extent the Government can interfere in the internal management of the administration of that Club.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— In the light of the answer, Sir, will the Government try to get the legal opinion as early as possible ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— Certainly.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Is it not a fact that in the races at Bangalore, horses from all parts of India are admitted ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— I do not know from what parts of the country horses come. But I see a number of horses almost every day.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Sir, in other Clubs of India, horses from all parts of the country are not admitted. In Bangalore, horses from all parts of India are admitted. Are Government aware of this position ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— The Government are not aware.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Will the Government ascertain whether that is the position ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— I will.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— I only wish to bring to the notice of the Government the importance of the Bangalore Race Club. Is not the Bangalore Race Club very important to Government ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— It is to the extent to which rules, law and all other provisions that are connected with it and enjoin on the Government to look into the interests of the Club.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— In the light of that answer, I am not putting further questions about it. As regards the financial aspect, the appendix furnishes that, when the rate of tax was eight per cent on win bets, the Government received 15.47 lakhs, and when the betting tax is 15 per cent on all bets, how is it that the Government gets the same amount in spite of the increase in the rate of tax and application for all money ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— Well, those are the figures that have been provided to us, the audited figures. Why the tax collected is less and all those things are to be found in the balance sheet that will be furnished to the Government. These are only the audited figures.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Did not the Government review the figures and enquire why there has been loss ? That is my point. When the rate of betting tax was 8 per cent the tax receipt amounted to Rs. 15 lakhs and when the rate of betting tax was enhanced to 15 per cent, still the tax remained at Rs. 15 lakhs. Did not the Government see or go into the question to find out why it was so ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— One possible explanation that is available is that when the rate of tax was high, bucket shops increased and tax evasions became possible. I am saying very guardedly that it may be one possible explanation by Government.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— My point was—did the Government enquire of the Race Club why it is so ? It is not a question of presumption of that kind. Did the Government enquire into the affiair and ask the Race Club why it was so and did they investigate it ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— So far as that position is concerned, they furnished us the audited accounts. The figures are there. The collections are there ; what is paid to us is there ; everything is there. I do not think my friend expects me to go beyond the audited accounts and ask them to find out what it is.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— I do not doubt the audited figures or the entries there. I want to know why the amount of income has been reduced. There are many reasons. Will the Government now be pleased at least to enquire into the affairs and see why such a position exists ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— Subject to the qualifying clause I have already mentioned, namely to what extent Government can interfere and find out the affairs of the Club, I am prepared to look into it.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— I put it to you that just because the Government have not changed their nominee for several years the affairs of the Club have not been properly supervised.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— I do not think so. Recently the Steward has been changed and among Club Members, there is change. So far as the Government are concerned, I believe their nominees have been subjected to frequent changes. There are two kinds of nominees.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Is Sri *Rukn-ul-Mulk* Abdul Wajid a Government nominee or a private Member amongst the Committee Members ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— He is not a Government nominee.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Is *Rao Bahadur* Justice P. Medapa a Government nominee or an elected nominee ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— I remember he is the nominee of His Highness.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.— Well, Sir, will the Government at least now, in the interest of the racing public and in the interest of fair racing, go into the matter and devote serious attention to improve the condition of Bangalore Racing ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— I think I have repeated and I may be called to order if I repeat those things once again.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.— Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Corporation of Bangalore is getting entertainment tax which is collected by the Government ?

(No answer).

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.— Are you aware that the Corporation ought to get entertainment tax ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— That question does not arise out of this.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.— Are you aware that the Corporation of Bangalore are urging from the beginning that a share in the betting tax should be given to the Corporation ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— Yes, they are urging.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.— What steps have you taken to implement their request ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— The Government have thought fit to retain it for themselves.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.— Are you aware that the Government of Madras are sharing the betting tax with the Corporation ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— I am not aware.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.— When are you going to abolish racing ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— When the Hon'ble House gives me a mandate.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.— Are you aware that some of the States are thinking of abolishing races ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— There are different opinions in the matter.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.— Are not the public going to be affected by this racing ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.— It is a matter of opinion.